

# **Surrealist Assignment**

## **Part 1**

### **Create Papers and Upload Pictures to Wikispace Page**

#### **Quick Overview of Surrealism**

Surrealism is a literary, film, theater and art movement, dedicated to expressing the imagination as revealed in dreams, free of the conscious control of reason and convention. It is based on theories of our perception of reality.

Until the twentieth century, artists tried to capture reality in their paintings. Surrealism surfaced in the 1920s when young artists wanted to create something more than a mere copy of what they saw. A key influence to the movement was the discoveries of Sigmund Freud, who had shown that when our wakening thoughts are numbed, the child and the savage in us takes over.

The surrealists were considered intelligent individuals. However, they were not content with a classic representational technique. They felt the need to combine what was known with eccentric and psychologically acute subject matter.

#### **Sources:**

<http://www.artmovements.co.uk/surrealism.htm>

<http://www.brighthubeducation.com/high-school-lessons-the-arts/123484-surrealism-artists-and-artwork-lesson/>

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Make sure that you read both parts of the assignment so you understand how each affects the other one.

### **Papers on Surrealism and/or Surrealist artists and Their Pictures**

1. You must research surrealist art and artists on the Internet. Take sufficient notes on at least two artists and/or the art movement.
2. Create two 1-3 page papers. You may make papers on Surrealist artists or the Surrealist movement or both. Just make sure you are turning in two 1-3 page papers.
3. You need to cite your sources from the Internet utilizing the MLA style. There are links to help you on the Resource and Link page. There must be at least two sources cited from the Internet. **YOU MAY NOT USE WIKIPEDIA.** There is a list of sources you can utilize listed on the Resource and Link page or you can utilize others. Make sure that you remember the creditable websites we have utilized in the past
4. Make sure to pay attention to surrealist artwork that has the following characteristics:
  - a. realistic items that have been used out-of-place
  - b. unreal scenes
  - c. normal objects acting abnormally
  - d. fantastic creatures
5. After you are finished make sure you upload your documents on you Wikispace page.
6. Once you have finished your papers upload two pictures from the surrealist artists and/or the surrealism movement so we can see what inspired you. Make sure to link the pictures to the Internet so we can access the Internet and the websites you utilized. Don't forget to label the pictures with the name of the artwork and if necessary the artist.